

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appn. No.: 09/858,012

Grp./A.U. : 3727

Drawing Amendments

The applicant is requesting that the original sheet 90/173 showing only Figs. 33-A and 33-B be replaced with a new sheet 90/173 showing Figs. 33-A, 33-B, 33-A' and 33-B'. The attached new sheet (sheet 90/173) includes Figs. 33-A and 33-B as well as Figs. 33-A' and 33-B' and replaces original sheet 90/173 that has only Figs. 33-A and 33-B. The attached red-marked copy of the original sheet 90/173 indicates in red the changes made.

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REMARKS REGARDING SPECIFICATION AND DRAWING AMENDMENTS**A. Specification Amendments**

Amendment Nos. 1 and 11

The requested amendment nos. 1 and 11 involve the addition of two more figure descriptions in the Description of Drawings Section. They may be deleted if the Examiner does not approve the inclusion of the drawings.

Amendment No. 2

There is no Fig. 55-C". Fig. 55-C' is what the applicant meant.

Amendment Nos. 3 through 10

This is to comply with USPTO requirements. The applicant's response to the Non-final Office Action of 06/27/05 which was sent to the PTO last Sept.2005, stated on p.22 that the applicant will request entry of amendments to the specifications for the purpose of establishing consistency between the terms used in the claims and that used in the specifications after claims are found allowable by the Examiner.

The specification amendments do just that. For example, the first retaining means are described in the original text as gripping or clamping means and the second and third retaining

means are described as hooks or cleats. No new matter is introduced.

Other "means" such as: adjusting means, control means, compression means, height-selecting means, sliding means, and inclining means had to be introduced in the claims in order to comply with claim writing rules. While all these means are described in the text, they do not go by the same or exact names or terms. Some means may have obvious equivalents while some may not. Where it is not obvious, the applicant simply introduced these claim terms with their respective descriptions in order to provide further clarification.

It is important and necessary that these specification amendments be entered before issuance of the patent so that there can be no ambiguity as to what the claims cover. They do not require too much effort on the part of the staff to get done.

B. Drawing Amendments (Please refer to attached drawing sheets.)

The articles depicted in Figs. 33-A' and 33-B' are not new matter. Paragraph [1053] of the application publication specifically states:

"Also, the main frame for pack carriers on bike can be mounted by some means to either side of the bike wheels, one for each side if desired."

Furthermore, it is not new matter because the article/s illustrated in the figures is/are already covered by the claims already allowed. Considering that not everyone reads a patent text in its entirety, it would be really helpful to show an illustration of how the present invention can be used to

maximize the carrying capacity of a traveler on bike. It shows how an invention can be simple and economical yet comparable to the present state of the art where the only way one can carry lots of stuff on a bike is by using an expensive customized carrier and pack set.

Therefore, if it is all the same to the Examiner, the applicant is requesting that the additional figures be entered. The figures are made to fit within the limits of sheet 90. The original figures (Figs. 33-A and 33-B) are reduced in size in order to also fit in the same sheet. Because no new sheets are added, there is minimum additional effort on the part of the staff in order to have the figures included.

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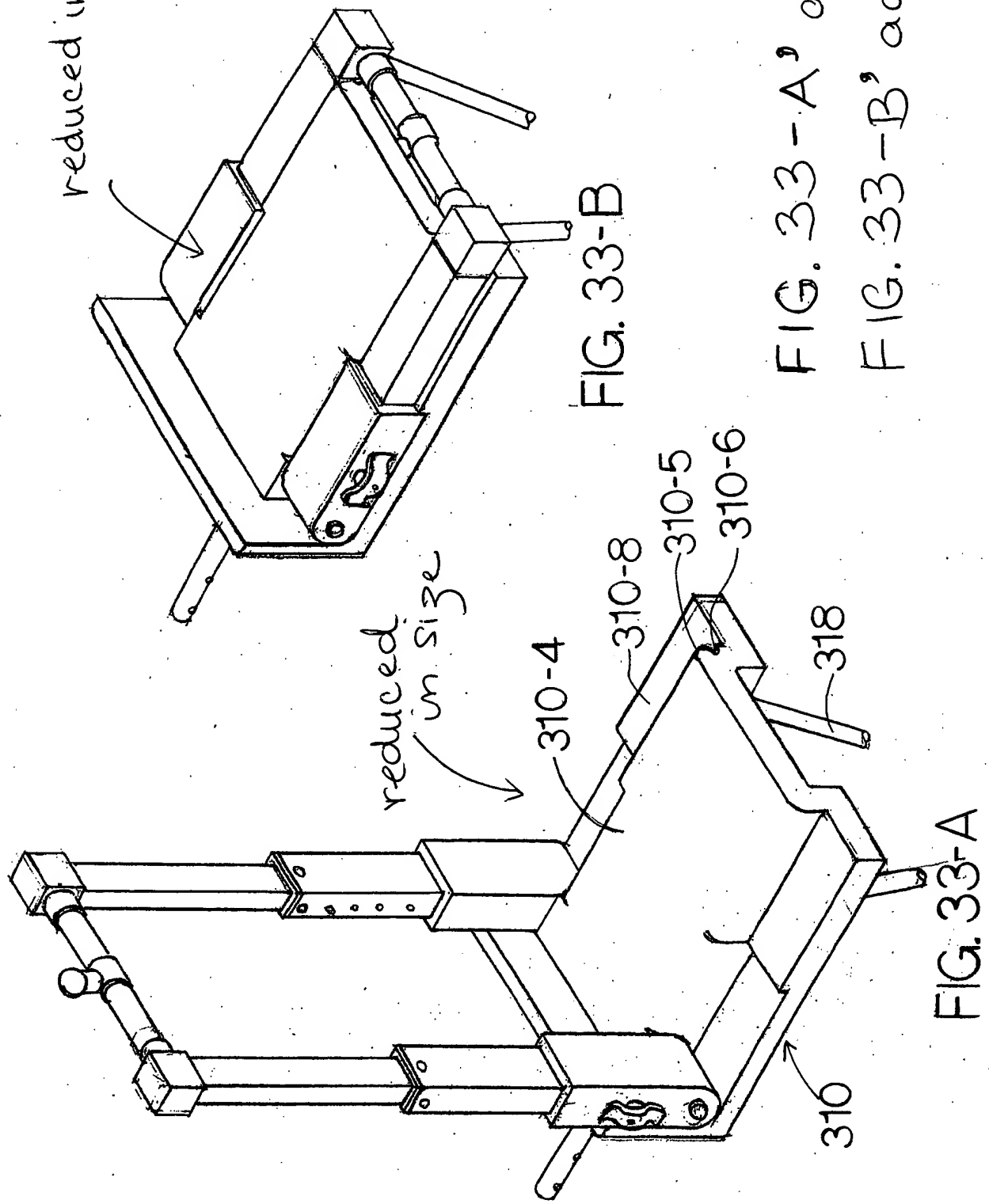


FIG. 33-B

FIG. 33-A

FIG. 33-A' added
FIG. 33-B' added